makes connections as directly determined by the input stream. Specifically, connections are made in response to individual connection requests from input controllers.

With respect to claims 12 and 24, the undersigned can find no suggestion in Munter of determining the switch schedule by the number of data units queued from each input for each output in time-slot interchangers. As already discussed, connections in Munter are directly determined by the input stream through individual connection requests from the input controllers.
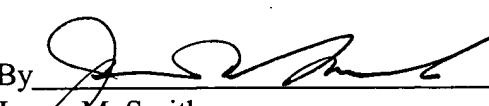
With respect to claims 6-8 and 18-20 which are further rejected in view of Schively, as has been previously argued, a teaching of a time-slot interchanger does not itself suggest the use of such a device to reorder units in accordance with base claims 1 and 13. Schively teaches nothing with respect to the deficiencies of Munter and Cotter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

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